



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Keiji KASHIMA

Application No.: 09/515,675

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For: BACK LIGHT DEVICE WITH DIFFUSING SHEET FOR A
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for two-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A back light device comprising:
a light source;
a lightconductor in a substantial plate form comprising a front face, a back face and side end faces,

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